A FISHING ARMY ON FROZEN LAKES

and Line on the Ice in Minnesota.

WOODEN BAIT FOR BIG FISH

Lure of the Muskallonge-Game Little Crappies and Their Queer Ways.

There are thousands of lakes in Minnesota and all of them, large and small, mapped and unmapped, abound in game fishes, from the broad sided crappie whose weight is gauged by ounces but whose gameness is measured by the pound to the fierce muskallonge and the lordly lake trout. On these lakes at the present moment there is a small army of fishermen armed with spears and equipped with hook and line who are taking out fish by the ton through the ice.

More fish are taken from the prolific lakes of Minnesota during the months the ice covers them than are caught through all the rest of the year," said a former resident of the Northwest "The frozen lakes are dotted with the fish houses of the spear fishermen from the time the ice closes the lakes until it melts with the coming of spring.

"Taking fish by spearing requires that the fishermen shall be sheltered not only for protection against the severe cold but also because the light must be shut away from the fishermen about the holes through which they jab their keen pronged With the light shut out from the house above the hole the fisherman can

"There is something uncanny in the stealthy approach of a muskallonge or a pike or a big pickerel upward out of the sombre depths toward the strange object of an evil spirit and refused to be conaroused his curiosity. The lure used by the fisherman is a bit of wood whittled into some crude resemblance to a minnow and suspended by a string in the water a couple of feet or so below the surface and kept in erratic motion by the fisher-

By and by the outlines of the fish appear slowly rising into view. Cautious, suspicious, yet intent on close inspection of he curious thing above, the fish moves loiteringly but unswervingly upward as the hawk sails through the air without s visible motion of the wings, so the muskallonge or pike or pickerel rises in the water toward the spearman's litre with every fin so nearly motionless that there is but the faintest quiver of one to be seen. This spooky advance of the big fish out of the dimness into the clearer pathway of water is sure to bring a creepy feeling to the person peering down through a spear hole in the ice for the

"Not for an instant does the fish increas is momentum as it rises and at last it sops with its nose within an inch or two of the dancing lure and glares at it flercely. showing that it is curiosity and not hunger that attracts it. If it was hunger the fish would swoop upon the lure and crunch it in its jaws. In the darkness the fish house overhead the man with the spear is invisible to the fish. At the ght moment the spear falls, and too late the denizen of the depths knows that its curisoity has been its undoing

"The men who spear fish on the Minnesota lakes must pay a license fee of \$1 for the winter, but those who fish with hook and line through the ice are permitted to use their tackle tax free. The fish houses used by the spearmen are of all sorts of shapes and material, the favorite being a tentlike affair made of tar paper. Others are enclosures of solid ice, made by building a frame of brush thickly massed, over which water is poured and allowed to freeze until the icy walls are formed. Some are neatly constructed wooden houses

"Sitting on a low stool or bench and kept comfortably warm by a small stove the fish spearman sits over the hole in the ice all day watching and waiting. spear and lure line in hand, and seldom waiting long or watching in vain The hook and line fishermen through

the ice have sport mostly with pickerel and crappies, and the temperature on those Minnesota lakes in winter does not permit of much contemplative angrecreation on these lakes would end in being carried off the ice as stiff as any of the ice as stiff as any of the fish which the angler who isn't contemplative throws out upon it. You have got to keep moving when you go bag. My friend who was accompanying the first state of the fish which the angler who isn't when we departed from the house, a contemplative throws out upon it. You have got to keep moving when you go bag. My friend who was accompanying the following morning. A boatman the first state of have got to keep moving when you go fishing out on the ice in Minnesota. Often it will take a couple of you to do your fishing—one to keep chopping the holes for me. With the snipe still in the grain for me. With the snipe still in the grai

open as they freeze up.
"But it is great fun. I used to like to fish for crappies the best. Crappies the live oak grove past the pool where belong to the sunfish family, the same as the black bass does, and have all the gameness of that family. They have blac such a peculiar way of fighting after fall. they find they are hooked that you need not be surprised if after landing one that you thought was surely going to be the struck the railroad, and for half an hour you thought was surely going to be the record big fish you find that it isn't as big

"Ever walk a trestle on a black dark night? You have something in store for in a less depth of water than twenty-five in any of those lakes. In running water he will adapt himself to any depth there is in it, and I have taken crappies were began our half mile walk over the trestle on a black dark night? You have something in store for you then. I had a dozen sensations during the journey, but we finally made it without mishap, fully expecting our team to be waiting at the turn in the road that there is in it, and I have taken crappies

There he would lie, tail to nose, all the There he would lie, tail to nose, all the quickly uttered 'Come on,' as he seized his to the buck's throat when up the buck shear of the burden.

Twenty-five miles that day over the "Twenty-five miles that day over the "He was no scoper on his feet then are the part of the buck's throat when up the buck shear of the buck he were then put back into the water he would in a very short time wiggle to life toughest countries in the world and now and go swimming away as lively as he was felt heavier every mile post we passed the hour he would be a super super life hour he would be super life. the hour he grabbed that bait of yours.

"Another odd thing about the crappie:

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It is well sometimes to have a cork or float Sport With Spear and Hook you probably know, when you are fishing they commence the run for ordinary fish, using a cork, and the sight, as we knew half our cork goes down with the bite of your fish you don't pull up then but wait until the lights of the little town it you don't pull up then, but wait until the lit was I o'clock when, thorough first going down only indicated that the fish had taken your bait to consider it and hadn't it fast in his mouth yet, the second going down down this mouth yet, the second going down being the signal that the bait had met with his approval and

you could haul him in.
"But if you are fishing for crappies through the ice out in Minnesota and -The through the ice out in Minnesota and follow the same course with your fishing and wait until the cork goes down the second time you won't get your crappie. At the very first wiggle or wabble of your cork is when you want to settle with Mr. Crappie. The crappie bites as quick as a flash and you've got to take him right in final fash and you've got to take him right in following the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the destruction or injury of their houses at any time," said a man fond of hunting the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the destruction or injury of their houses at any time," said a man fond of hunting of the way of the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the destruction or injury of their houses at any time," said a man fond of hunting of the way of the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the destruction or injury of their houses at any time," said a man fond of hunting of the way of the trapping of muskrats between November 1 and April 15 but forbids the destruction or injury of their houses at any time, and took hold of one antler with one hand, while he threw his other arm over the buck's neck. They were the trapping of muskrats between November 2 and took hold of one and to and to tell you he has skinned your hook in its domestic arrangements and is waiting for another sample of your

I remember one occasion in particular in the Southland where this was brought home to me with special emphasis.

"We had been up one of the many bayous that empty into Vermilion Bay about a score of miles from New Iberia after snipe and had encountered all sorts of footing from prairie tremblants to the heavy black muck of the rice fields. My companion was a sunny haired, merry chap, reared on the borders of the bay and he knew every man who owned the best shooting grounds and every inch of the marsh land for miles.

"I remember it was 5:30 P. M. as we shoved the pirogue out from the bank and headed for the house of my friend. plainly visible on its eminence five miles see far down into the water and discover like a beacon in the distance, as the first away embowered in trees and looking the finny dweller therein long before lights flashed across the brown bosom of the marsh

"It was a cranky craft, that pirogue in which we sat, cranky at any time, but this evening it seemed to be possessed trolled. I sat in the bow and did my best to steer so as to avoid the wind, which was puffy. All to no purpose, and finally the fair haired chap in the bow gave an unusually vicious dig with his paddle and over we went in twenty-five feet of wa'er.

"I can see his face now as he turned to look at me just as we touched the cold waters of the bayou. I grabbed my gun instanter as we capsized and came clutching it tightly with one hand. few strokes with my free hand brought me to one end of the dugout, which was floating down the stream, which at this point was not more than a hundred feet wide. He of the fair hair was at the other end of the pirogue, and there we floated for perhaps half a minute. Then we both swam for shore and pulled the pirogue out after us.

"Our paddles and a bag with 66 snipe thoroughly wet one dip more meant

from our coats and khaki trousers, and brisk run from the dock to the house, a half a dozen of a family will occupy one warm bath, and the promise of a dinner such as Crump Island only can boast

we had covered twenty-five miles of marsh, pasture and rice field that day and there was yet a journey to New Iberia by wagon to catch the early morning. It will have to be an active and experi-

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> "The clank of the iron shod feet of the our sure footed beasts made their cau-

our sure footed beasts made their causas your hand. The crappie has a broad side, and the instant you begin to pull on your line he turns his side up against the water and keeps it there. A four the water and keeps it there. A four ounce crappie will thus give you a two pound pull.

"The crappie is peculiar in other ways.

"The doubt footed beasts made their causas wasn't clothes enough on him to swab a shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps the shotgun. I told Aleck when he talked of the point of the water jumps. The shotgun and its strain and its symmetrical tail a first in an effect the horses would have to be abandoned, and bidding the colored lad good night he started back leading the stallion and the mark. Bidding me be cautious, my companion assumed half the burden and the roblem that the point of the water jumps. The shotgun and the point of the water ju

re numb. 'A sugar mill, its windows ablaze with on your line when angling for him Now, as light they never stop grinding once you probably know, when you are fishing they commence the run—was a welcome they commence the run—was a welcome

THE MUSKRAT'S HOUSE. Engineering and Architectural Skill of a

Little For Bearer. game law of New York permits The second pull down of the neer and builder as it is, scarcely exceeds

that will be flooded at high tide of the him off.
water if on non-tidal margins. The him off.
"The creek was only a few yards away.

"These preliminaries completed, thind legs, between the muskrat cuts with its chisel-like teeth knees.

"The water was four feet deep and swift." "The water was four feet deep and swift. the broad, strong stalks and leaves of the flag and long, coarse grass. These materials the busy little builder carries back to the shore, and backed up the bank. That brought Aleck three fer materials the busy little builder carries to the building site, where it braids and twists them together in circular form and builds them layer upon layer, graduater. The buck kicked and wiggled and waggled, but he couldn't get his nose

is always divided into two floors or stories. along that way after a while, all uncon-Sometimes it will have as many as four apartments, one above the other. The number is believed to be regulated by the expected height of the water. Access to them from below is by a chamber or gallery built around the inner edge of the house and rising like a spiral stair The muskrat expects and want wav. the ground floor of its house to be flooded. but there must always be a dry, warm

room at the top "The interior is lined with a sheathing of dry grasses and leaves. The only entrance and exit to the house is the subterranean passage from the bank of the water, the ground floor being on a level with that tunnel.

"The reason that this wise little animal n constructing its house manages so that men the ground floor and the tunnel are always under water seems to be that in this way an exit is provided in case the house is assailed by some foe, and an entrance if one pursues the tenant while abroad.

"The muskrat remains hidden in its house during the day, unless the day is cloudy and dark. At night it goes forth to feed on the juley roots and water grasses and plants. Then and then only t voluntarily endangered by the traps that are set for it, sometimes at the entrance to its tunnel, sometimes at and about its feeding places.

were floating placidly away, but being of adding to their score of pelts by stealing "Muskrat trappers have long had a way upon the dwelling places of the muskrat nothing and they were speedily re- in the daytime, thrusting sharp, many tined, long handled spears down through "It was only the work of a few minutes the roofs and knocking the tops of the o empty the craft and wring the water houses off to find that they have impaled sometimes three or four of the inmates the paddles were plied all the quicker snuggled and huddled together in their when our journey was resumed. A cosey living room, for often as many as

sack slung across the pommel of the continue to supply the bulk of them.

The increase in price has stimulated

ALECK DOWNED THE BUCK Begun by the Wild Hog.

Aleck Forbes got through with the buck."

though, he was out one day and took a chances are about even that the giant shot at a hog running wild in the woods. fish will throw out the hook in this first He hit the hog, but only made it mad and effort to free itself. If it fails to do so

stop; ed in his tracks. Aleck went right tarpon was being hauled out of the water He thought he shot ahead not less into the boat when a shark made a sudden it's a bear! on. than twenty feet before he touched any- jump and bit it in two. thing. When he did touch something

thew he had to fight. Now a wounded door sports. buck is about the worst thing a hunter thing to make you wonder.

"If the buck had followed up his adcork by him is simply a farewell to you the muskrat in ingenuity and system vantage he would have finished the job in its domestic arrangements.
"In building its house the muskrat selects a spot on the low marsh land on Aleck that the wild hog was prevented from finishing by the coming on the seene in speed," said a hunter who has taken of the bear. But instead of jumping on Aleck the buck started for the water "I don't mean the big will legged rubbit." that will be flooded at high tide or high of the creek. Aleck determined to head

**The samples of the Hardships the Sportsman Endures Cheerfully.

"It is surprising," said a man who is fond of outdoor sports, "how much fatigue a man can endure when the hardship a man can

scious of the fun Aleck had been having.
"Aleck looked as if he had been trying conclusions with a threshing machine, but he got his buck. As near as I remember it weighed 200 pounds

TARPON AT TAMPICO.

Sport That Attracts Fishermen From Remote Parts of the World

Tampico, Mexico., Jan. 28. The fame fresh. of the Tampico tarpon tishing grounds seems to have spread to remote parts of

needs for full speed, the leverage would germany. In the English parties were men and women of title. It was said by the English owner of one of the yachts that he spent nine months out of each year visiting remote parts of the world: that he made journeys of many thousands of miles over the seas to try his hand at various kinds of fishing and big game hunting. From Tampico he and his party of friends went to Vera Cruz, and from there they will proceed to the isthmus of Tehuantepec for tiger hunting. The early spring will

by wagon to catch the early morning train for New Orleans in order to take another train to fulfil an important engagement the following day in Tentessee. Arrangements had been made to have the train meet us at the furthest end of the trestle over the river from the mainland on the branch railroad which ran to the sait mines.

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"The musk part of this little animal's the sait mines all right, but there is no reason why the animal should be called a rate of the city. Within five minutes walk from the hotels the sportsman may step into a gasolene launch or rowboat and in another five minutes begin trolling for tarpon.

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The fisherman does not even have to them long distances, matching in this worry about the arrangements for his force a fresh rabbit to go on with the outing. If he leaves word with the hotel a comfortable seat, grasp the handle of the 34 ounce rod, reel out fifty yards or dir so of line and wait for the tarpon to take

the bait. not enjoy his ease long after he has set his book and bait affoat. The boatman SUSQUEHANNA. Pa., Jan. 28. "After pulls the little craft slowly along. Sud-nose. denly the line becomes taut and just as said the retired Erie engineer, "there the fisherman takes a firmer grip upon wasn't clothes enough on him to swab a the rod high out of the water jumps the

strain and must be constantly alert. In o'the barn and is tryin' to climb on to the ALASKA BELIEVES IN CLIMB the present season it has sometimes taken milk house!'

"He rubbed his eyes and looked again "He was no sooner on his feet than away five or six hours hard work to land one of he went at a good thirty miles an hour the larger tarpons. It occasionally happens clip, with Aleck holding to his horns like that a shark will come along just toward grim death. Aleck stuck to the deer the end of a long contest and make a meal for an eighth of a mile. Then the buck off of the tarpon. One day recently a another look.

he found he was in the top of a big tree Panuco River is swarming with pleasure. The bear dropped on all fours again, that had been blown down.

Craft of various kinds. Most of the The roof of the milk house was low and He didn't have time to find out whether private yachts here this year brought their projected a few inches at the eaves. he was hurt or not, for the deer came own gasolene launches with them and each Aithough the door could have been pringing right on in after him, and he day they are filled with devotees of out- opened by a good push the bear ignored

can have to deal with when it comes to some these seekers for amusement go on his hind feet. There was a rip and a close quarters. The way they can use out to the jetties and try their hand at crash, and the stars looked down into the their horns and feet in a fight is some- catching and killing sharks. As many as milk house through an opening in the fifty sharks have been killed by one of roof big enough to let a cow in.

and Foxes to Catch Him. or Canada hare, which was introduced roof on that milk house had been open faith that the Lloyd party reached the to the thickets and brush lots of southern to the sky the bear wouldn't have gone summit, and so has everybody in Alaska New York a few years ago.

feet, this same jackrabbit could give him the roof. half a mile start in a two mile race and would still be in a good lead of the pack.

"That's because the fox has the longest

make no such a blunder as that "He would take things easy until the he would put on more steam, and decrease or increase the pressure as circumstances required. A chase that would exhaust the jackrabbit would find the canny red which the farmer knew was full to the with the region, having prospected around fox well in the lead and comparatively brim with cream. And all the farmer

"But the jackrabbit drops into many the world, and it attracts hundreds of sportsmen to this place during the season. At one time recently nine foreign private ground. If you will take notice, you will out of it and fed himself with the other.

The doctor went to Alaska in 1875, yachts were anchored in the harbor, each see that the rabbit can run up hill faster as Farmer Ruby could plainly see by the of the vessels containing a party of sports- than he can go down. The reason for that bright starlight. is easy to see. If he put the force in his Most of the yachts came from England: long hind legs going down hill that he aggravating flutton that ought to be fed of the Yukon River in an open wo were from New York and one from needs for full spends the leaves aggravating flutton that ought to be fed of the Yukon River in an open wo were from New York and one from needs for full spends aggravating flutton that ought to be fed of the Yukon River in an open in the law of the leaves aggravating flutton that ought to be fed of the Yukon River in an open in the law of the two were from New York and one from needs for full speed, the leverage would prison by somebody! Then Farmer Ruby remembered that he would then Farmer Ruby remembered that he

ground shows him to be quite capable in some respects if he is a little innomination to them.

America.

It is only within the last few years that the Tampico fishing grounds have become well known. The establishment of a deep water harbor at Tampico took place not so very many years ago and previous to that time the town was little known to the outside world.

The ship captains and crews who came to Tampico carried to various foreign that was to be had here, and visitors began to come to Tampico for the pursue of the come of th

such as Crump Island only can boast of made us forget all the fatigue of the day.

The survivors of a musikrat house in the constant prey of winged and surface of the dinger should be a famous ance of the dinger should be a famous and a famous and prevent of the sent; as the least of throw the nearly of the sent; as the least of the winter than the first of the sent is no throw the nearly of the sent; as the standard of the sent is no throw the nearly of the sent is no throw the number of visitors has intine and forcemeat made of the breasts of the survivers of a musikrat house in the fatigue of the
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rods and then leaping aside to the shelter of some bush or brush pile while the dogs keep on after the fresh rabbit. But as a rule the shallow patedness of the jackrabbit will predominate and he will snarling and doubled up in fierce compersist in doubling again and again over bat with something. The something

you can make up your mind that he has heard danger approaching from one quar-ter or the other, or perhaps from both, and is taking the way that to him seems best to get away from it. If the jackrabbit was as wise as he is swift and alert he would need fear neither fox nor hound."

" 'Why,' said he, 'tain't a horse neither; it's a man!'

"He rubbed his eyes again and tool " 'Why,' said he, "tain't a man neither;

"The farmer was so surprised that he During the winter season here the never offered to interfere with the hear. it entirely and placing his two forepaws When fishing for tarpon becomes tire- under the projecting roof rose slowly

the smaller varieties is also indulged in door, like a human thief,'d be considerate which besides Lloyd consisted of three enough to do, but jacks the roof off and other men Charles McGonigle, William

been any windows in the milk house the sen of Fairbanks. "The fox is no match for the jackrabbit bear would first have smashed every said a hunter who has taken one of them before proceeding to tear off est friends," said Dr. Young, "even the roof. Woodsmen all know this bent though his business isn't quite the same "I don't mean the big, stilt legged rabbit of the bears by experience with them at as mine. Any one would take Bill McPhee's of the far Western plains, but the Northern their cabins and lumber shantles. If the word for anything and he has perfect in at it, but would then have battered "Fleet as the red fox is on his velvet the door in and ignored the opening in 'top of the continent,' no one in Alaska

win in a canter. Yet if the dogs could bears nobody knows. But it doesn't that he was only gone from the launch be started after a fox and a jackrabbit matter. Let that pass. Farmer Ruby two weeks. So none of us believed him at the same time over the same course didn't know that bears had it, and hence when he said he'd discovered the north the rabbit would be caught while the fox his indignation over this ruthless ripping pole off of his milkhouse roof.

"The bear as well as the stars looked head of the two. He knows a thing or down through that opening into the milk two that the rabbit hasn't been able to house. What he saw there plainly pleased from under water. Aleck just held him there until the buck drowned.

This is further strengthened and made comfortable by a liberal mixture of mortar made by the muskrat out of the marsh mid.

"As soon as Aleck knew that the deer was dead his strength went away from him like a flash, and he flopped right down on the bank. But he never let go the hind legs of the buck, and that was after a while all uncontainty and short on the sound of the dogs and keep up lear was even then environed by bliss.

"The interior of a muskrat's house is the result.

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> o' mother's week's churnin'! "Presently the sounds of revelry in the hounds pressed him too close. Then milk house ceased, the door came open made the dash to

could do was just to glare and stare. "Carefully the bear carried the crock "Carefully the bear carried the crock story that the flag on Mount McKinley, cute and cunning tricks when you are on a short distance up the hill. There he his trail with the dogs. He will make for sat down, and holding the crock on the Rosa (15.217 feet) and the Matterborn

jackrabbit will predominate and he will persist in doubling again and again over the same course, which is sure to end in his undoing. "The jackrabbit can not only hear sound a great way off but can hear in one direction with one ear while the other is listening for indications of danger in another direction. It is not uncommon to see one of these long eared chaps standing erect on his hind legs, wish one ear turned well back over his shoulder and the other pushed forward toward his nose. He is listening in both directions, and if presently he goes scooting off across out of it and cried to the surrounding

out of it and cred woods:

"Somebody come help git the bear!"

"Then sudden quiet fell on the scene of the conflict between the bear and the trap. The farmer stole back to the kitchen window. The bear, walking on his hind feet, dragging the heavy trap by the foot it was fast to and carrying the clog under one fore leg, was moving away up the hill as rapidly as he could, thus hampered, OFFENCES OF A BEAR.

In this as rapidly as ne could, thus nampered, and by and by disappeared in the woods. Then Farmer Ruby found his voice again.

Why,' said he, 'the unprincipled thievin' varmint has gone off with Laroy's

OF MOUNT WKINLEY BY DR COOK? OH. NO!

By Fairbanks Expedition Headed by Tom Lloyd-Dr. S. Hall Young, for 33 Years a Preacher in Alaska, Say

No One There Ever Belleved Cook Dr. S. Hall Young, who for the pas thirty-three years has been establishin churches in Alaska wherever gold strikin new regions set prospectors a-trekking is in town arranging for four new ra cruits in the missionary field in Alaska and lecturing on his experiences. He said vesterday that neither he nor any on else of the 45,000 male inhabitants of t Territory had the slightest doubt that the Fairbanks expedition led by Te Lloyd had reached the top of Moun The expedition

R Taylor and a man named Petersen and two dog sledges, was financed by it is the disposition of boars to get into William McPhee, an old miner and saloon enclosures that way and that if there had keeper of Fairbanks, and August Peter

"Bill McPhee is one of my best and old-

"As for Dr. Cook, who discovered the believed him. Why, the men in the launch "Why this idiosyncrasy on the part of which took him up the Chulitna River say

I have seen Mount McKinley from three sides and believe that the appro-from the Fairbanks side is the most fo ble way of reaching the top, because it is gradual, whereas the south or Chulina River approach, which Dr. Cook took, is precipitous. Nobody in Alaska believes that the summit can be reached in summer. The Fairbanks expedition left in December with two dog teams which, I believe they took all the way. They went along leisurely up the Cantwell River, camping at the sound of the dogs and keep up the fact that the sound of the dogs and keep up the gait as long as he heard the dogs behind him. The fox is crafty and would be could catch his breath, there goes all of this month, when the sun had hardened the snow crust and there was no fresh or any danger of avalanches, they the dash to the summit.

with the region, having prospected around

Young said he didn't believe the

The doctor went to Alaska in 1875, and four years later established the first Protestant church in Alaska at Wrange Why, said Farmer Ruby, he's an He has been twice down the full lengt in 1897, during the rush to K he established a church at Dawso

and ranges in depth from forty to sixty feet. Owing to the salt water which comes in from the gulf the water of the Panuco for some distance from its mouth is the home and playground of myriads of gamy fish, the leaping tarpon leading of gamy fish, the leaping tarpon leading this class.

It is in the Panuco River that the deep water harbor is situated. The wharves are immediately in rabbit out again he has had a good rest rabbit out rabbit co

regard the opening he had made but marched straight to the door, which had been made fast. Without a second's wait he rose on his haunches, put his shoulder against the door and with one might surge sent it crashing from its fastenings. Then he disappeared through that opening.

"He had scarcely got inside when a loud snap was heard by Farmer Ruby and then a howl came from the interior of the milk house that made him start from his crouching place behind the kitchen window.

The next second out of the milk house came the bear tumbling, howling and the bear tumbling, howling and the bear tumbling. The proposed works: "Whereas the said Charles Dickens is the author of a book or work entitled The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club. which has been recently printed and published in twenty parts or numbers. Atc.

It is probable that the fact of the seal being placed between "Charles" and almost invariably accompanied his signature on business documents; the marked place of the flourish and shows an unconscious emphasis of the ego. It would place of the flourish and shows an unhowling and ifferce comsomething fast with its fast with its r's hind feet, ash, rip, roar, bear tumbled trap with all

ness signature—so to speak—that Dick and that, quite fairly, he did not omit to impress the fact upon other people when he thought fit. Both the wording and the signature of many the signature of many of his private letters are simple and unostentations to a high degree. This curious fact ought to be remembered when people talk about Dickens's "conceit" and "love of show"

ment out of may be average that a crappie through the less depth of water than twenty-five feel in any of those lakes. In running at the turn in the road that is received and through the ice in any of these lakes in the turn in the road that is the Columbus correspondence Indiana polis News